

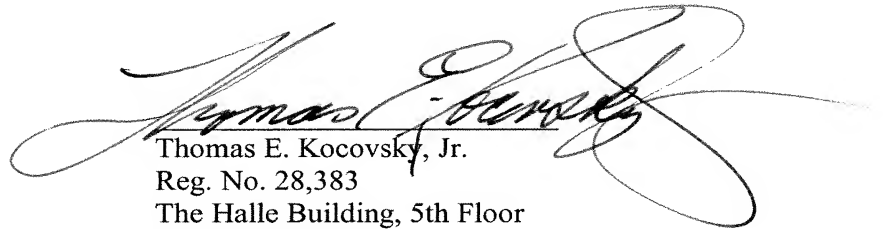
REMARKS

The purpose of this amendment is to cure a minor typographical error which results in a previously undetected antecedent basis issue. Specifically, in the antipenultamalt line of claim 27, "gradient value" has been added after "edge" and in line 13 "value" has been added after "gradient" such that "the leading edge gradient value" has consistent antecedent basis in lines 13, 15, and 18.

It is submitted that this amendment merely corrects minor errors and previously undetected antecedent basis issues and does not change the scope of the claims. Because this amendment requires no further search or consideration and because it reduces the issues on appeal, it is submitted that this amendment should be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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